

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Elsa JOLIMAITRE et al

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Group Art Unit: 1764

For: PROCESS FOR SEPARATING MULTIBRANCHED PARAFFINS USING A
ZEOLITIC ADSORBENT WITH A MIXED STRUCTURE

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 27, 2003, entry of the following
amendments is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

--1. (Twice Amended) A process for separating multibranched paraffins
comprised in a hydrocarbon feed comprising hydrocarbons containing 5 to 8 carbon atoms
per molecule, wherein said hydrocarbon feed contains linear, monobranched and
multibranched paraffins, comprising:

bringing said hydrocarbon feed into contact with at least one zeolitic adsorbent
whereby multibranched paraffins are separated from said hydrocarbon feed, and fractionating
said hydrocarbon feed into at least two distinct effluents, a first effluent consisting essentially
of multibranched paraffins and having a high octane number, and a second effluent which has
a low octane number,

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said adsorbent having at least two types of channels, principal channels with an opening
defined by a ring of 10 oxygen atoms and secondary channels with an opening defined by a ring
of at least 12 oxygen atoms, said secondary channels only being accessible to said hydrocarbon
feed via said principal channels.--

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
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- Additional documents filed herewith:

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